



**Christmas greetings to all
FM89.1 members and friends**

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President's report from CBAA meet

Rod Coult's writes:

To all our valued members of Cairns FM89.1:

On November 19 I had the pleasure of attending the CBAA conference which was held at the Brisbane Hilton Hotel.

The conference lasted for four days ending on Sunday November 22.

Briefly, I would like to express my thoughts on the wonderful experience I had during those four days. They were informative, exhilarating, thought-provoking and certainly a feeling that we up here in Far North Queensland are not alone, but very much part of a bigger community that exists right around Australia.

The theme of the conference was "Community Innovation". To give you an idea of where community radio is heading I felt that the welcome address of Deborah Welch, President of CBAA, should be included in our newsletter. I quote as follows:

Conference is a time to step out of our daily realities to look at big picture issues, share ideas and skills and debate with passion.

I hope you take up the many opportunities to do all three. We chose our theme 'Community Innovators' to celebrate our continuing capacity to find clever ways to meet challenges and to focus on the need to approach challenges with passion and inspiration. Our sector is growing, continually engaging community members, immensely popular with audiences and diversifying into many forms of media from our foundation as licensed broadcasters. We are firmly grounded through our membership-based community organisations but such organisations are complex to run and the 'people' work involved needs to be better recognised and valued.

We are struggling with the impact of the long decline in government support for our core activities and the multiple chal-

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Challenges of new media forms and platforms.

We are at a pivotal moment. So Community Innovators we will continue to be.

New media platforms give us many more opportunities to do what we're all in it for, expressed by our guiding principles:

- Promote harmony and diversity to an inclusive, cohesive and culturally-diverse Australian community.
- Pursue the principles of democracy, access and equity, especially for people and issues not adequately represented in other media.
- Enhance the diversity of programming choices available to the public and present programmes that expand the variety of viewpoints broadcast in Australia.
- Demonstrate independence in programming as well as in editorial and management decisions.
- Support and develop local arts and music.
- Increase community involvement in broadcasting.

Finally, very sincere thanks to the CBAA conference team - which includes our conference sub-committee, the CBAA board and staff and our conference organisers DKC International - for their hard work in pulling it all together. It's a huge job that starts early in the year and gets more intense from there on! Thank you also to our sponsors, as we couldn't hold it without your support. And members, thanks for always making conference a wonderful event each year. I hope you return home wised-up, connected and inspired to be community innovators.

Deborah Welch
President.

And from our own President Rod:

Dear Members.

The above are certainly wise words from a well-respected President of CBAA.

I believe next year, 2010, is going to be a very busy year for our community radio station.

There will be a lot to do and a lot to achieve. I look forward to some of our members considering volunteering their support to achieve the things we would like to achieve.

I believe that with your help, Cairns FM 89.1 will be recognised in 2010 as a premier radio station in Far North Queensland.

Finally I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely
ROD COUTTS
President
Cairns Community Broadcasters Inc.

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What's in view

- The station is giving new headphones to all regular presenters. Just contact Rod and he will see you receive your set. This should ensure that no-one will be searching for missing headphones as sometimes happens.
- It is hoped to re-introduce membership cards which will act as identification for members and encourage more sponsorship relationships.
- There is to be a general meeting on Wednesday January 20, 2010. To see further details, please look on page 4 of this newsletter.
- "Golden Memories" at this stage will have the following presenters each month: 1st week: Evelyn; 2nd week: Eri Bowen; 3rd week: Maggie; 4th week: Chee Loh. Occasional fifth week to be decided by Eri Bowen.

Everyone will be pleased to hear that Dora King has returned to our airwaves. Dora will be presenting the Greek programme on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm and "Dance on Air with Dora" will be on Sundays from 1pm to 3pm. Welcome back Dora.

The Philippine Cultural Society of Cairns, Inc., is holding its Christmas Party on Friday, December 18, starting at 6.30pm. The venue is Crosswell Hall, Grafton Street, Cairns. Join in the fun with Filipino food, entertainment and gifts for the children. Tickets are only \$20 and are available from Mimielle Alvera on 4053 6891 or Mita Gapas on 40 51 3268.

Tell us about yourselves

In future newsletters we propose to present Profiles of our presenters to give members an idea of those they hear but don't see behind the microphone. So, to all presenters, get writing and provide a clear photo of yourself and let's hear all about you.

You can email to:
petercrosswell2@bigpond.com; Bev Blaauw at bevaab@optusnet.com.au; or
rodney.coutts@cairnfm891.org

Christmas Party Fun

A Christmas party without Santa would break with tradition but all was well at the Station's party at Brother's on November 25 when Father Christmas turned up ho-ho-ho-ing in a suspiciously Dutch accent and handed out small gifts. Thanks Pieter.



There was plenty of fun and entertainment at the Christmas party... with Philippine members dancing and singing; Taki and Col, Cook Island presenters, and their daughter with singing to Col's guitar and their daughter's dancing; Pieter Blaauw from the Dutch programme, sporting a red Christmas hat, sang and played guitar; while presenter Wayne Hipgrave kept the evening moving along with his background music which encouraged many to take to the dance floor. Many thanks, Wayne, and for providing all the music and equipment at no charge to us. Marjorie and Warren Keirle, long-time members, who are much appreciated for their cookie supply, were awarded life membership. Congratulations to them!

□ Fred Reyes, brother of the late Eric was at the party and spoke of his love for FM89.1. Fred said he had lived in Cairns for 76 years and remembers having only two radio stations. Now takes great pleasure in community radio and is very proud of it with its diversity of music and presenters.

□ President Rod was a tireless MC, welcoming all to the party.

General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all members that a
GENERAL MEETING
of **CAIRNS COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS INC.**
(Cairns FM 89.1)

is to be held on
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2010
in the **FOOD COURT OF**
RAINTREES SHOPPING CENTRE
Alfred Street, Manunda, Qld 4870
at **7.00pm.**

The main items to be addressed are:
The "Agreed Measures" directive from ACMA
Highlights from the CBAA Conference
Sub-committees
Member benefits
Monthly social evening - meeting room Cairns FM 89.1

The management committee looks forward to seeing you at the venue

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TECHNICIAN

On behalf of the Management Committee and all members we would like to welcome Mr Peter Ricketts to Cairns FM89.

Peter brings a vast amount of experience with him as a radio technician, having been in the industry for over 40 years in electronics, domestic, commercial and RF (Radio Frequency). We believe Peter will be a valued asset to the ongoing operations and the smooth running of our community radio station. Welcome Peter to Cairns FM 89.1

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings to those members whose birth dates fall in December and January.

DECEMBER:

Hermann Cluever; Fred Eiszele; Lloyd Lloret; Steve Ostarjas;
Dulcie Pensio; Fabian Portese; Muriel Spackman.

JANUARY

Caroline Barker; Mai Brandon; Alex Carrette; Tamiko Ichise;
Bill King; Aunty Evelyn.

INVITE TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next Management Committee meeting on January 6 at 6pm in the meeting room of FM89.1. Seating is limited so if you would like to attend give Rod a call on 4053 6891. We would really like to see some members who might be interested in either joining the Management Committee, or the various sub-committees.